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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1151

Introduced by Assembly Member Lieu

February 23, 2007

An act to add Section 2156.5 to the Elections Code, relating to voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1151, as amended, Lieu. ~~Voting machines: security. Voter registration.~~

Existing law requires an elections official, upon receipt of a properly executed affidavit of registration, to mail the voter a specified notice regarding his or her status as a registered voter.

This bill would require an elections official, on or before July 1, 2008, to establish procedures to permit a voter to confirm that he or she is properly registered to vote in the county and to make this information accessible through the county's elections division Web site. The bill would require an elections official whose county does not have an elections division Web site, to instead establish a toll-free telephone number to permit a voter to confirm that he or she is properly registered to vote in the county. By imposing new duties on elections officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

~~Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish the specifications and the regulations governing voting machines, voting devices, and any software used, including the programs and procedures for vote tabulating and testing.~~

~~This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation to improve the security of voting machines.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 2156.5 is added to the Elections Code,*
2 *to read:*

3 *2156.5. On or before July 1, 2008, the elections official shall*
4 *establish procedures to permit a voter to confirm that he or she is*
5 *properly registered to vote in the county and shall make this*
6 *information accessible through the county's elections division Web*
7 *site. If the county does not have an elections division Web site, the*
8 *elections official shall establish a toll-free telephone number that*
9 *may be used to confirm voter registration.*

10 *SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
11 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
12 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
13 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
14 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

15 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the legislature to enact~~
16 ~~Legislation to improve the security of voting machines.~~